(e) whether Government propose to give concession in flights for every place of tourist importance in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), Air India and Indian Airlines have worked out concessional tourist packages, offering discount in air fares and hotel charges for foreign tourists during April-September, 1992.

(d) Does not arise.

अयोध्या का विकास

83. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री 31 मार्च, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न स0 4481 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश में पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए पर्यटन विभाग द्वारा 688.71 लाख रुपए की स्वीकृत धनराशि से अयोध्या (फैजाबाद) का पर्यटन की दृष्टि से महत्वपूर्ण स्थल के रूप में विकास करने की कोई योजना है; और

यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) उल्लिखित राशि में से 26.80 लाख रुपए की दो स्कीमें यथा अयोध्या में ओपन एयर थिएटर हेतु स्टेज का निर्माण तथा मार्गस्थ सुख-सुविधायें स्वीकृत की गई थीं। इसके अतिरिक्त, 1991-92 के दौरान अयोध्या में यात्री निवास के निर्माण हेतु 27.47 लाख रुपए की एक परियोजना स्वीकृत की गई है ।

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Purchase of Jet Stream Super 31 aireraft from British Aerospace

89. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan under Government's consideration to purchase Jet Stream Super 31 aircraft from British Aerospace (BAe);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any representatives from BAe approached Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Memorandum of understanding between department of Public Enterprises and I.T.D.C.

90. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Public Enterprises approached I.T.D.C. for signing Memorandum of Understanding for the year 1992-93.

(b) if so, what has been the reaction of the I.T.D.C. Management in this regard;

(c) the reasons for not signing the Memorandum of Understanding by I.T.D.C. during the last two years;

(d) whether the Trade Unions/ Associations of I.T.D.C. gave an undertaking to increase productivity, profitability and turnover by 50 per cent in next two years, it they are given free hand;

(e) whether Government would agree to it and forego their disinvestment policy in I.T.D.C. Hotel properties for next two years atleast; and

(f) if the answer to part (e) above, be in negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) ITDC was not required to sign Memorandum of Understanding for the year 1990-91. For the year 1991-92, ITDC was exempted for signing the Memorandum of Understanding on account of set back to tourism caused by the Gulf War and its aftermath, internal disturbances in some parts of the country etc.

As regards 1992-93, it has been proposed to exempt ITDC due to changes contemplated to up-grade and develop some of its hotel properties through formation of joint venture. A final decision in the matter is however, yet to be taken.

(d) to (f) No such specific understanding has been made by the Trade Unions/Associations of ITDC. However, in the proposed scheme, a portion of the shares will be offered to the workers/general public.

Agreement with Kuwait Airways for overhauling of engines of Boeing 747 fleet

91. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India has signed an agreement with Kuwait Airways for overhauling of engines of its Boeing 747 fleet;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the foreign exchange earnings in this regard;

(c) whether Air India also overhauls engines of Indian Airlines Boeings; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Commencing January 1, 1992, Air India has entered into a three year agreement with Kuwait Airways for overhauling their Pratt and Whitney JT-9D-70 engines. It is expected to generate foreign exchange earnings of around US dollar 8 million per annum.

(c) and (d) Air India maintains Part and Whitney JT 8D engines fitted on Indian Airlines B-737 aircraft.

Salary not paid to Air Hostess by Indian Indian Airlines during pregnancy period

92. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air Hostesses working in the Indian Airlines are made to go on compulsory leave during their pregnancy period and that they are not paid any salary for nine months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to pay the salaries to the Air Hostesses during their pregnancy period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) An Air Hostess working in Indian Airlines is eligible for payment of fixed pay and allowances during the period of maternity leave of 90 days and other types of leave lying at her credit. In case, no leave is due to her, the period beyond maternity leave is treated as leave without pay-